IN THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-43 (Cancelled).

Claim 44 (Currently Amended): An image-capturing device comprising:

image-capturing means installed inside a vehicle at a position to capture an image outside the vehicle through a [[rear]] window; and

direction setting means for setting an image-capturing direction of said image-capturing means in a monitor mode for monitoring a building.[[;]]

~~determining means for determining whether the vehicle is in a first usage mode in which the vehicle is reversed or in a second usage mode in which the vehicle is not used; and~~

~~direction control means for controlling the image-capturing direction of said image-capturing means to be a direction in the back of the vehicle when the vehicle is in the first usage mode, and for controlling the image-capturing direction to be a direction set by said direction setting means when the vehicle is in the second usage mode.~~

Claim 45 (Original): An image-capturing device according to claim 44, further comprising:

detection means for detecting an object outside the vehicle through [[a]] the window of the vehicle; and

power supply control means for prohibiting power supply to said image-capturing means when an object is not detected by said detection means, and for allowing power supply to said image-capturing means when an object is detected by said detection means.

Claim 46 (Currently Amended): An image-capturing device according to claim 45, further comprising direction control means for controlling the image-capturing direction of said image-capturing means when the vehicle is in a first usage mode, and for controlling the image-capturing direction to be a direction set by said direction setting means when the vehicle is in a second usage mode, and

wherein, when said detection means detects a moving object, said direction control means controls the image-capturing direction of said image-capturing means so that the object is traced.

Claim 47 (Original): An image-capturing device according to claim 45, further

comprising a battery for supplying power to said image-capturing means, wherein, when the remaining amount of said battery is smaller than a reference value, said power supply control means replaces said battery with a battery of the vehicle to supply power.

Claim 48 (Currently Amended): An image-capturing device according to claim 44, further comprising:

transmission means for transmitting an image captured by said image-capturing means; and

transmission-destination setting means for setting a transmission destination of the image captured by said image-capturing means to a first display device disposed inside the vehicle when the vehicle is in [[the]] a first usage mode, and for setting the transmission destination to be a second display device disposed outside the vehicle when the vehicle is in [[the]] a second usage mode.

Claim 49 (Currently Amended): An image-capturing device according to claim 44, further comprising determining means for determining whether the vehicle is in a first usage mode in which the vehicle is reversed or in a second usage mode in which the vehicle is not used;

transmission means for transmitting an image captured by said image-capturing means;

wherein said determining means determines whether the vehicle is in the first mode or in the second mode based on the status of an engine key and the status of a transmission gear of the vehicle.

Claim 50 (Currently Amended): An image-capturing method for an image-capturing apparatus which comprises image-capturing means installed inside a vehicle at a position to capture an image outside the vehicle through a [[rear]] window, said image-capturing method comprising:

a direction setting step of setting an image-capturing direction of said image-capturing means in a monitor mode for monitoring a building.[[;]]

~~a determining step of determining whether the vehicle is in a first usage mode in which the vehicle is reversed or in a second usage mode in which the vehicle is not used; and~~

~~a direction control step of controlling the image-capturing direction of said image-~~

~~capturing means to be a direction in the back of the vehicle when the vehicle is in the first usage mode, and for controlling the image-capturing direction to be a direction set in said direction setting step when the vehicle is in the second usage mode.~~

Claim 51 (Currently Amended): A computer-readable recording medium ~~in which a program~~ encoded with computer-executable instructions for an image-capturing device which comprises image-capturing means installed inside a vehicle for monitoring a building at a position to capture an image of the building outside the vehicle through a [[rear]] window is recorded, said program causing said image-capturing device to monitor the building, said program comprising:

a direction setting step of setting an image-capturing direction of said image-capturing means in a monitor mode for monitoring the building.[[;]]

a ~~determining step of determining whether the vehicle is in a first usage mode in which the vehicle is reversed or in a second usage mode in which the vehicle is not used; and~~

~~a direction control step of controlling the image-capturing direction of said image-capturing means to be a direction in the back of the vehicle when the vehicle is in the first usage mode, and for controlling the image-capturing direction to be a direction set in said direction setting step when the vehicle is in the second usage mode.~~

Claim 52 (Cancelled).

Claim 53 (Previously Presented): An image-capturing device according to claim 44, further comprising:

feature extracting means for extracting a feature of an object based on the image captured by said image-capturing means;

event determining means for obtaining the feature extracted by said feature extracting means so as to determine whether an event has occurred based on determination parameters;

display-data generating means for generating, when the occurrence of the event is determined by said event determining means, display data including event data for reporting the occurrence of the event; and

display-data transmitting means for transmitting the display data.

Claim 54 (New): An image-capturing device according to claim 44, further

comprising:

determining means for determining whether the vehicle is in a first usage mode in which the vehicle is reversed or in a second usage mode in which the vehicle is not used; and

direction control means for controlling the image capturing direction of said image capturing means to be a direction in the back of the vehicle when the vehicle is in the first usage mode, and for controlling the image-capturing direction to be a direction set by said direction setting means when the vehicle is in the second usage mode.

Claim 55 (New): An image-capturing device according to claim 48, further comprising:

determining means for determining whether the vehicle is in a first usage mode in which the vehicle is reversed or in a second usage mode in which the vehicle is not used; and

direction control means to be a direction in the back of the vehicle when the vehicle is in the first usage mode, and for controlling the image-capturing direction to be a direction set by said direction setting means when the vehicle is in the second usage mode.

Claim 56 (New): An image-capturing device according to claim 44 wherein the window is a rear window.

Claim 57 (New): An image-capturing method according to claim 50 wherein the window is a rear window.

Claim 58 (New): A computer-readable recording medium according to claim 51 wherein the window is a rear window.

Claim 59 (New): An image-capturing method according to claim 50, further comprising:

a detection step for detecting an object outside the vehicle through the window of the vehicle; and

a power supply control step for prohibiting delivery of power when an object is not detected, and for allowing delivery of power when an object is detected.

Claim 60 (New): An image-capturing method according to claim 59, further

comprising a direction control step for controlling the image-capturing direction in a first direction when the vehicle is in a first usage mode, and for controlling the image-capturing direction in a second fashion when the vehicle is in a second usage mode, and

wherein, when a moving object is detected, the image-capturing direction is controlled so that the object is traced.

Claim 61 (New): An image-capturing method according to claim 59, wherein, when the remaining amount of a battery supplying power for capturing images is smaller than a reference value, said battery is replaced with a battery of the vehicle to supply power.

Claim 62 (New): An image-capturing method according to claim 50, further comprising:

a transmission step for transmitting an image; and

a transmission-destination setting step for setting a transmission destination of the captured image to a first display device disposed inside the vehicle when the vehicle is in a first usage mode, and for setting the transmission destination to be a second display device disposed outside the vehicle when the vehicle is in a second usage mode.

Claim 63 (New): An image-capturing method according to claim 50, further comprising:

a determining step for determining whether the vehicle is in a first usage mode in which the vehicle is reversed or in a second usage mode in which the vehicle is not used; and

a transmission step for transmitting a captured image; and

wherein said determining step determines whether the vehicle is in the first mode or in the second mode based on the status of an engine key and the status of a transmission gear of the vehicle.

Claim 64 (New): An image-capturing method according to claim 50, further comprising:

a feature extracting step for extracting a feature of an object based on the captured image;

an event determining step for obtaining the feature extracted during said feature extracting step so as to determine whether an event has occurred based on determination

parameters;

a display-data generating step for generating, when the occurrence of the event is determined during said event determining step, display data including event data for reporting the occurrence of the event; and

a display-data transmitting step for transmitting the display data.

Claim 65 (New): An image capturing method according to claim 50, further comprising:

a determining step for determining whether the vehicle is in a first usage mode in which the vehicle is reversed or in a second usage mode in which the vehicle is not used; and

a direction control step for controlling the image capturing direction to be a direction in the back of the vehicle when the vehicle is in the first usage mode, and for controlling the image-capturing direction to be a direction set by a direction setting means when the vehicle is in the second usage mode.

Claim 66 (New): A computer-readable recording medium according to claim 51, further comprising a detection step for detecting an object outside the vehicle through the window of the vehicle; and

a power supply control step for prohibiting delivery of power when an object is not detected, and for allowing delivery of power when an object is detected.

Claim 67 (New): A computer-readable recording medium according to claim 66, further comprising a direction control step for controlling the image-capturing direction to be a first direction when the vehicle is in the first usage mode, and for controlling the image-capturing direction be a second direction when the vehicle is in the second usage mode, and

wherein, when a moving object is detected, the image-capturing direction is controlled so that the object is traced.

Claim 68 (New): A computer-readable recording medium according to claim 66, wherein, when the remaining amount of a battery supplying power for capturing images is smaller than a reference value, said battery is replaced with a battery of the vehicle to supply power.

Claim 69 (New): A computer-readable recording medium according to claim 51, further comprising:

a transmission step for transmitting an image; and

a transmission-destination setting step for setting a transmission destination of the captured image to be a first display device disposed inside the vehicle when the vehicle is in a first usage mode, and for setting the transmission destination to be a second display device disposed outside the vehicle when the vehicle is in a second usage mode.

Claim 70 (New): A computer-readable recording medium according to claim 51, further comprising:

a determining step for determining whether the vehicle is in a first usage mode in which the vehicle is reversed or in a second usage mode in which the vehicle is not used; and

a transmission step for transmitting a captured image,

wherein said determining step determines whether the vehicle is in the first mode or in the second mode based on the status of an engine key and the status of a transmission gear of the vehicle.

Claim 71 (New): A computer-readable recording medium according to claim 51, further comprising:

a feature extracting step for extracting a feature of an object based on the captured image;

an event determining step for obtaining the feature extracted during said feature extracting step so as to determine whether an event has occurred based on determination parameters;

a display-data generating step for generating, when the occurrence of the event is determined during said event determining step, display data including event data for reporting the occurrence of the event; and

a display-data transmitting step for transmitting the display data.

Claim 72 (New): A computer-readable recording medium according to claim 51, further comprising:

a determining step for determining whether the vehicle is in a first usage mode in which the vehicle is reversed or in a second usage mode in which the vehicle is not used; and

a direction control step for controlling the image capture direction to be a direction in the back of the vehicle when the vehicle is in the first usage mode, and for controlling the image-capturing direction to be a direction set by a direction setting means when the vehicle is in the second usage mode.

Claim 73 (New): A vehicle comprising:

an image-capturing device, said image capturing device including

image-capturing means installed inside the vehicle at a position to capture an image outside the vehicle through a window, and

direction setting means for setting an image-capturing direction of said image-capturing means in a monitor mode for monitoring a building.